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FOR CHARGE MAESTRONE FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XF

SUBJECT: ORAL MESSAGE FOR SADAT

YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM THE GUIDANCE THAT HAS BEEN POSTED HERE IN OUR NEWSROOM WITH RESPECT TO A LONG ARTICLE WRITTEN BY EDWARD SHEEHAN WHICH WILL APPEAR ON SUNDAY, MARCH 7, IN "FOREIGN POLICY" MAGAZINE AND WE EXPECT IT TO BE PICKED UP IN A NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS COUNTRY-WIDE. THIS ARTICLE WILL RAISE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS IN VARIOUS QUARTERS, ADDING TO HEIGHTENED PUBLIC FOCUS ON

MIDDLE EAST ISSUES. FOR THIS REASON, I WISH YOU TO SEE FAHMY PROMPTLY AND CONVEY THE FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO SADAT THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

1. SECRETARY WISHES PRESIDENT SADAT TO KNOW THAT WE EXPECT THAT THERE WILL BE A NUMBER AND VARIETY OF NEWS STORIES EMANATING FROM WASHINGTON IN WHAT IS BECOMING AN  
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EVEN MORE HIGHLY SPECULATIVE PERIOD THAN USUAL. AMONG THE

REASONS ARE THAT WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN A VERY ACTIVE CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO A MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH EGYPT, AMBASSADOR EILTS' RETURN, AND THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE STUDYING THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED ISRAELI CABINET DECISION WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE NEXT

STEPS. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN RENEWED INTEREST HERE REGARDING DOCUMENTATION WE SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS AT THE TIME OF THE SINAI ACCORD WHICH CANDIDLY WAS STIMULATED BY PRESIDENT SADAT'S INTERVIEW IN KUWAIT.

2. SECRETARY BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PRESIDENT SADAT NOT MAKE ANY CONCLUSIVE JUDGMENTS OR REACT TO ALL THIS SPECULATION, PARTICULARLY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS AMBASSADOR EILTS RETURNS AND REPORTS TO HIM FULLY ON THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS WE ARE HAVING HERE REGARDING POSSIBLE WAYS TO RESTART THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND TO BREAK THE PRESENT STALEMATE.

3. AMBASSADOR EILTS WILL HAVE FURTHER CONSULTATIONS HERE ON MONDAY AND IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE FOR CAIRO TUESDAY, MARCH 9. HE WILL BE SEEKING AN EARLY MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT TO INDICATE OUR LATEST IDEAS. KISSINGER

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